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COMMENTS ON GOR DRAFT IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS

REF: BUCHAREST 5359

1. FOLLOWING ARE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON GOR DRAFT IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS SUBMITTED REFTEL. ROMANIAN DRAFT IFIMEANT TO ESTABLISH FINANCIAL CONDITIONS FOR 1975-76 TO APPLY TO THEIR DRAFT PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES PROPOSED FOR THIS SAME PERIOD (BUCHAREST 5348).

2. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECOGNIZE, ROMANIAN DRAFT IS A RATHER "STARK" PRESENTATION OF THEIR DEFINITION OF IDEAL CONDITIONS AND INCLUDES ELEMENTS WHICH ARE UNACCEPTABLE TO U.S. IN OUR VIEW, MAJOR NEGOTIATING PROBLEM WILL BE, OF COURSE, FINANCIAL QUESTION RELATING TO EXHIBITS. STUDENT HOUSING AND PERFORMING ARTS' TOURS ARE, HOWEVER, ALSO APT TO BE SERIOUS STICKING POINTS IF GOR IS COMMITTED TO THESE INNOVATIONS.

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3. MOST SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN EVALUATING

ROMANIAN DRAFT ARE THE FOLLOWING:

GOR DRAFT ARTICLE 3 - ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT CLEAR TO WHOM THIS PARAGRAPH REFERS (IN LIGHT OF ARTICLE 4A AND 4B), ROMANIAN PER DIEM FIGURE IS TOO LOW AND U.S. DRAFT SUGGESTION OF 150 LEI MORE APPROPRIATE.
GOR DRAFT ARTICLE 4B - U.S. SIDE MUST REJECT DORMITORY HOUSING PROPOSAL AND INSIST ON INCREASE IN PRESENT DAILY HOUSING STIPEND.
GOR DRAFT ARTICLE 6 - IN LIGHT OF GAP BETWEEN U.S. AND ROMANIAN POSITIONS, ENTIRE MATTER IS SUBJECT OF FORTHCOMING SEPTEL.
GOR DRAFT ARTICLE 7 - THIS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY U.S., OF COURSE, AND SHOULD BE ELIMINATED FROM CONDITIONS.

4. ROMANIAN DRAFT OMITTS MENTION OF SEVERAL MATTERS WHICH U.S. WILL WANT TO ENSURE APPEAR IN FINAL DOCUMENT. THESE INCLUDE HOUSING STIPEND, ACCESS TO MATERIALS, AND APPLICATION TIMETABLE.

5. EMBASSY PLANS TO DISCUSS U.S. DRAFT IMPLEMENTING CONDITIONS WITH ROMANIAN COUNTERPARTS IN ADVANCE OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS AND WILL ADVISE SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS.
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